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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON ARMS DELIVERIES AND ALLEGED US  
TAKEOVER OF BRISITH BASES ON CYPRUS

1. FRIDAY (OCT 10) EDITIONS OF TWO MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES, MILLIYET AND GUNAYDIN, ASSERTED THAT POST-EMBARGO DELIVERY OF U.S. ARMS WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL ABOUT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. MILLIYET'S STORY WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT; GUNAYDIN'S TO STATE. BOTH ACCOUNTS CITED "POLITICAL SOURCES" AS SAYING THE DELAY WAS RELATED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IMPENDING INITIATIVES ON THE CYPURS ISSUE.

2. GUNAYDIN ALSO REPORTED THAT DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRPERSON  
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BOZBEYLI HAD JOINED IN THE CRITICISM OF THE PARTIAL LIFTING

OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. HE REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT THE FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WAS USING THE REMOVAL OF THE ARMS BAN AS A COUNTER IN DOMESTIC POLITICS.

3. ORHAN APAYDIN IN LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYE COMMENTED ON AN ALLEGED TRANSFER OF BRITISH BASES ON CYPRUS TO THE U.S.: "IT IS OPENLY AGAINST THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR BRITIAN TO TURN OVER THE BASES WHICH SHE HAS IN CYPRUS--ACQUIRED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THAT TURKEY IS A PARTY TO--AND TO WHICH THE USA IS NOT A PARTY....IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO TURNOVER THE RIGHTS ESTABLISHED IN THESE AGREEMENTS TO ANOTHER STATE WIHOUG THE CONSENT OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE A PARTY TO THESE AGREEMENTS. IT IS BEING CLAIMED THAT THE TURNOVER OF THE BRITISH BASES TO THE USA IS DEPENDENT ON AN AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION 10 YEARS AGO. THIS CLAIM IS INVALID....BECAUSE ITEM 50 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS SPECIFIES THAT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CANNOT GO INTO EFFECT WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF THE TURKISH VICE PRESIDENT....THE AMERICAN ACTION IS ALSO CONTRARY TO THE HELSINKI ACCORDS....TURKEY MUST IMMEDIATELY EVALUATE THIS SITUATION WHICH WILL BRING THE CYPRUS ISSUE TO A NEW DIMENSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD."

4. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN CUMHURIYET ON THE SAME SUBJECT SAID: "....A VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE WHICH WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS IS TAKING PLACE ON THE ISLAND THESE DAYS. THE USA IS TAKING OVER THE BRITISH BASES ON CYPRUS....BRITIAN CANNOT TURN OVER THE BASES AND INSTALLATIONS OR THE USE OF THESE TO ANY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES. WHY DOES TURKEY SILENTLY WATCH WHILE THE USA APPLIES AN ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY AND SETTLES IN THE BRITISH BASES IN CYPURS? HOW FAR WILL THE PRIVATE POLICIES OF ANKARA GO ON THIS SUBJECT?"  
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